

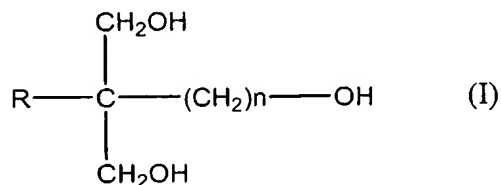
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, and an alkoxyated glyceride,

wherein when said herbicidal sulfonylurea is nicosulfuron, said herbicidal composition does not contain polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, wherein the base of the glyceride moiety in the alkoxyated glyceride, is a compound represented by the formula (I):



wherein R is a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, and n is an integer of from 0 to 6.

Claim 3 (Original): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, wherein the alkoxyated glyceride is at least one alkoxyated glyceride selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil, polyoxyethylene glyceryl monostearate, polyoxyethylene castor oil, polyoxyethylene glyceryl triisostearate, polyoxyethylene glyceryl monoisostearate, polyoxyethylene glyceryl tristearate, polyoxyethylene glyceryl distearate, polyoxyethylene glyceryl trioleate, polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil monoisostearate, polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil triisostearate, polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil monolaurate, polyoxyethylene 1,1,1-trimethylolpropane tristearate, polyoxyethylene 1,1,1-trimethylolpropane trimyristate, polyoxyethylene 1,1,1-trimethylolpropane distearate,

polyoxyethylene 1,1,1-trimethylolpropane triisostearate, polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil pyroglutamic acid isostearate, and polyoxyethylene glyceryl pyroglutamic acid isostearate.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, wherein the alkoxyated glyceride is at least one alkoxyated glyceride selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil, polyoxyethylene glyceryl triisostearate, polyoxyethylene glyceryl monoisostearate, polyoxyethylene 1,1,1-trimethylolpropane triisostearate, polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil pyroglutamic acid isostearate, and polyoxyethylene glyceryl pyroglutamic acid isostearate.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, wherein the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt is at least one herbicidal sulfonylurea compound selected from the group consisting of amidosulfuron, azimsulfuron, bensulfuron-methyl, chlorimuron-ethyl, chlorsulfuron, cinosulfuron, cyclosulfamuron, ethametsulfuron-methyl, ethoxysulfuron, flazasulfuron, flucetosulfuron, flupyrsulfuron, foramsulfuron, halosulfuron-methyl, imazosulfuron, iodosulfuron, mesosulfuron-methyl, metsulfuron-methyl, nicosulfuron, oxasulfuron, primisulfuron-methyl, prosulfuron, pyrazosulfuron-ethyl, rimsulfuron, sulfometuron-methyl, sulfosulfuron, thifensulfuron-methyl, triasulfuron, tribenuron-methyl, trifloxysulfuron, triflusulfuron-methyl, and tritosulfuron, or salts thereof.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, wherein the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt is at least one herbicidal sulfonylurea compound selected from the group consisting of flazasulfuron, foramsulfuron, nicosulfuron, rimsulfuron, trifloxysulfuron, and tritosulfuron, or salts thereof.

Claim 7 (Original): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, which comprises the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, and the alkoxylated glyceride in a weight ratio of from 16:1 to 1:6000.

Claim 8 (Original): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, which comprises from 0.1 to 95 parts by weight of the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, from 0.1 to 94.9 parts by weight of the alkoxylated glyceride, and the rest being additives for formulation.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises one or more other herbicidal compounds.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises a coadjuvant.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises one or more other herbicidal compounds and a coadjuvant.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The herbicidal composition according to Claim 10, wherein the coadjuvant is a chelating agent, fertilizer comprising nitrogen, or a combination thereof.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): A method for controlling at least one undesired plant or inhibiting the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising applying a herbicidally

effective amount of the herbicidal composition as defined in Claim 1 to the at least one undesired plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): A method for controlling at least one undesired plant or inhibiting the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising applying (1) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, and (2) an effective amount of an alkoxyated glyceride, to the at least one undesired plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): A method for controlling at least one undesired plant or inhibiting the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising applying (1) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, (2) an effective amount of an alkoxyated glyceride, and (3) a herbicidally effective amount of one or more other herbicidal compounds, to the at least one undesired plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): A method for controlling at least one undesired plant or inhibiting the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising applying (1) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, (2) an effective amount of an alkoxyated glyceride, and (3) an effective amount of a coadjuvant, to the at least one undesired plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): A method for controlling at least one undesired plant or inhibiting the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising applying (1) a herbicidally effective amount of a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, (2) an

effective amount of an alkoxylated glyceride, (3) a herbicidally effective amount of one or more other herbicidal compounds, and (4) an effective amount of a coadjuvant, to the at least one undesired plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): A method for enhancing the herbicidal effect of a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt comprising adding at least one alkoxylated glyceride to the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): A method for enhancing the herbicidal effect of a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt comprising adding at least one alkoxylated glyceride and at least one coadjuvant to the herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): A method for controlling at least one undesired plant or inhibiting the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising applying a herbicidally effective amount of the herbicidal composition as defined in Claim 7 to the at least one undesired plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): A method for controlling at least one undesired plant or inhibiting the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising applying a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt, and an alkoxylated glyceride in a weight ratio of from 16:1 to 1:6000, to the at least one undesired plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): A method for controlling at least one undesired plant or inhibiting the growth of the at least one undesired plant, comprising applying a herbicidal

sulfonylurea compound or its salt, and alkoxylated glyceride, as diluted with from 10 to 3,000 liters/hectare of water, and an alkoxylated glyceride in an amount of from 0.005 to 4 wt% based on the diluted liquid, to the at least one undesired plant or to a place where the at least one undesired plant grows.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The composition of claim 1, which does not contain ~~nicosulferon~~ nicosulfuron.

Claim 24 (New): The herbicidal composition of claim 1 comprising:

a herbicidal sulfonylurea compound or its salt selected from the group consisting of nicosulfuron, flazasulfuron, trifloxysulfuron, foramsulfuron, trisulfuron, and rimsulfuron;
and

an alkoxylated glyceride,

wherein when said herbicidal sulfonylurea is nicosulfuron, said herbicidal composition does not contain polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil.